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IN JOINT CONVENTION

ELECTION OF CONSTITUTIONAL OFFICER

The hour having arrived, set by House Joint Resolution No. 520, the House and Senate met in Joint Convention for the purpose of election of the Constitutional Officer.

On motion of Senator Darnell, the roll call was taken by the Clerks of the respective bodies.

The roll call of the Senate was taken with the following results:

Present . . . . . 32

The roll call of the House was taken with the following results:

Present . . . . . 95

Representatives present were: Anderson, Armstrong, Austin, Bell, Bittle, Bivens, Bragg, Buck, Burchfield, Burnett, Byrd, Cain, Callicott, Chiles, Clark, Coffey, Cole, Collier, Copeland, Crain, Cross, Curlee, Davidson, Davis (Cocke), Davis (Gibson), Davis (Knox), DeBerry, DePriest, Dixon, Duer, Gaia, Givens, Good, Gunnels, Halteman, Harrill, Hassell, Haun, Head, Henry (Putnam), Henry (Roane), Herron, Hillis, Hobbs, Holcomb, Holt, Hubbard, Huskey, Jones, R. (Shelby), Jones, U. (Shelby), Kent, Kernell, King, Kisber, Love, McAfee, McDaniel, Moody, Moore (Lawrence), Moore (Shelby), Naifeh, Napier, Niceley, Nuber, Peroulas, Phillips, Pinion, Pruitt, Purcell, Rhinehart, Ridgeway, Robinson (Davidson), Robinson (Hamilton), Robinson (Washington), Scruggs, Severance, Shirley, Sipes, Stallings, Stamps, Starnes, Turner (Hamilton), Turner, C. (Shelby), Turner, L. (Shelby), Ussery, West, Wheeler, Whitson, Williams, Winningham, Wix, Wolfe, Wood, Yelton, Mr. Speaker Murray -- 95.

ELECTION OF SECRETARY OF STATE

Mr. President Wilder declared the order of business was election of the Secretary of State and that nominations were in order.

Senator Crutchfield placed in nomination the name of the Honorable J. Bryant Millsaps of Davidson County.

Representative Byrd seconded the nomination of Mr. Millsaps.

Representative West seconded the nonmination of Mr. Millsaps

Representative Duer placed in nomination the name of Ms. Linda Rendtorff of Shelby County.

Senator Dunavant seconded the nomination of Ms. Rendtorff.

Senator Person seconded the nomination of Ms. Rendtorff.

Representative Williams seconded the nomination of Ms. Rendtorff.

Representative Naifeh moved that nominations cease and that the Clerks of the respective bodies be directed to call the roll, which motion prevailed.

The Clerk of the Senate called the roll of the Senate with the following results:

For Mr. Millsaps.....	21
For Ms. Rendtorff.....	10

The Assistant Clerk of the House called the roll of the House with the following results:

For Mr. Millsaps.....	55
For Ms. Rendtorff.....	40

Representatives for Mr. Millsaps were: Armstrong, Austin, Bell, Bivens, Bragg, Buck, Burnett, Byrd, Cain, Clark, Collier, Crain, Cross, Curlee, Davidson, Davis (Gibson), DeBerry, DePriest, Dixon, Gaia, Givens, Head, Herron, Hillis, Hobbs, Holt, Jones, R. (Shelby), Jones, U. (Shelby), Kernell, King, Kisber, Love, Moore (Lawrence), Naifeh, Napier, Phillips, Pinion, Pruitt, Purcell, Rhinehart, Ridgeway, Robinson (Davidson), Robinson (Hamilton), Shirley, Stallings, Starnes, Turner (Hamilton), Turner, C. (Shelby), Turner, L. (Shelby), West, Wheeler, Winningham, Wix, Yelton, Mr. Speaker Murray -- 55.

Representatives for Ms. Rendtorff were: Anderson, Bittle, Burchfield, Callicott, Chiles, Coffey, Cole, Copeland, Davis (Cocke), Davis (Knox), Duer, Good, Gunnels, Halteman, Harrill, Hassell, Haun, Henry (Putnam), Henry (Roane), Holcomb, Hubbard, Huskey, Kent, McAfee, McDaniel, Moody, Moore (Shelby), Niceley, Nuber, Peroulas, Robinson (Hamilton), Robinson (Washington), Scruggs, Severance, Sipes, Ussery, Whitson, Williams, Wolfe, Wood, -- 40.

Total vote for Mr. Millsaps.....	76
Total vote for Ms. Rendtorff.....	50

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LETTER OF RESIGNATION

January 25, 1990

The Honorable Ned McWherter  
Governor, State of Tennessee  
First Floor, State Capitol  
Nashville, Tennessee 37219

Dear Governor McWherter:

The General Assembly having elected Mr. Bryant Millsaps as Secretary of State for the term expiring in 1993, I hereby resign my commission as interim Secretary, effective as of 10:00 a.m. on Thursday, January 25, 1990.

In taking this step, I want to express to you my deep appreciation for the confidence you have shown in honoring me with this temporary appointment. Serving with you and your team has been a pleasure.

The current public perception of this office notwithstanding, I would feel remiss if I did not express to you and all who cherish good government my firm conviction that it is performing honorably and well all of its historic functions, and indeed has never ceased to do so. The audit of the Department currently in progress will assuredly confirm this.

With all good wishes to you and your official family, I remain

Sincerely yours,  
/s/Milton P. Rice

ELECTION RESULTS

Mr. President Wilder declared the Honorable Mr. Millsaps duly, legally and constitutionally elected Secretary of State for the remaining three years of the term.

Mr. President Wilder appointed the following committee to escort Mr. Millsaps to the well of the House: Representatives Starnes, West and Armstrong; and Senators O'Brien, Owen and Hicks.

OATH OF OFFICE

The Oath of Office was administered to Mr. Millsaps by the Honorable Frank Drowota, III, Associate Justice of the Tennessee Supreme Court.

Mr. Millsaps expressed his appreciation.

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Mr. President Wilder relinquished the Chair to Mr. Speaker Murray, as President of the Joint Convention.

The purpose for which the Joint Convention was called having been accomplished, Mr. President Murray declared the Joint Convention dissolved.